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> The decision of the Department of Energy (DOE) to dispose of 34  
> tons of surplus weapons grade plutonium by turning the material into  
> mixed oxide (MOX) fuel and thereby obtaining the energy content of the  
> surplus plutonium, while rendering it unsuitable for use as an  
> effective weapons material, is a correct step. To immobilize the  
> plutonium and waste the energy content of the plutonium is an inefficient  
> use of a valuable energy source material. The safe and efficient use of  
> plutonium as a recycle fuel in nuclear plants in France has demonstrated  
> that it can be utilized for its energy value while ensuring against any  
> diversion of material for other uses

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